

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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For: MINERAL, NUTRITIONAL, COSMETIC,)	
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March 9, 2011

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants now submit a list of documents known to Applicants or Applicants' attorneys. Applicants have not included copies of cited U.S. patents or published U.S. patent applications. But, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iv), and for the Examiner's review, Applicants have enclosed copies of the following: (1) foreign patents or patent applications, (2) non-patent publications, and (3) documents from the prosecution of related domestic and foreign applications.

Regarding category (3), documents from the prosecution of related domestic and foreign patent applications, Applicants note that 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(b) does not mention, and thus does not require, that Applicants provide any particular set of identifying information. While 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(1) requires Applicants to provide a list of such documents, it does not require Applicants to include in that list specific identifying information. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iv) further requires Applicants to provide a copy of such documents. Thus, the rules do not require that Applicants provide any particular set of information about the documents in category (3) prior to the

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Examiner's consideration of all the cited information. Nevertheless, in order to be as helpful as possible, Applicants have provided (a) information regarding the source of the documents, and (b) a title or description of each document. The prosecution record of either a related domestic and foreign patent application is the source for each document. Accordingly, in the list required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(1), Applicants have provided information about the source of each document. The information provided mirrors the requirements for cited foreign patent applications and U.S. patent applications as set forth by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(b). For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully request consideration of all documents submitted in the present Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and entry into the record for the present application (Application Serial No. 10/725,729)

Regarding category (3), Applicants now submit for the Examiner's consideration, copies of Office Actions, Amendments, Responses, and other correspondence from the prosecution of the foreign and U.S. patent applications. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iv), Applicants have enclosed a copy of each document. The enclosed Form PTO/SB/08a lists these documents, provides identifying information, and includes a column for the Examiner's initials.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4), Applicants believe that this submission is timely in that the Patent and Trademark Office has not yet mailed to Applicants a first office action following a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Applicants believe that no fee is due; however, Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge to Deposit Account No. 14-0629 any fees that may be required.

Respectfully submitted,
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